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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Texas A&M University — Expected May 2019
Committee: Catherine Eckel (Chair), Jonathan Meer, Ragan Petrie, and Jane Sell

A.B. in Economics and Mathematics (cum laude), Washington University in Saint Louis — December 2013

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Labor, Education, Experimental/Behavioral Economics

PUBLICATIONS

Alston, Mackenzie. "The Effect of Dropping Lowest Test Scores on Learning and Performance," *Equilibria*, 2015, 3(1): 13-18.

WORKING PAPERS

"The (Perceived) Cost of Being Female: An Experimental Investigation of Strategic Responses to Discrimination" [**Job Market Paper**]

"The Effect of Stereotypes on Test Scores at a Historically Black University" with William Darity Jr., Catherine Eckel, Lawrence McNeil, and Rhonda Sharpe

"Fired Up?: How Past Unemployment Affects Future Work Performance"

"High-Capacity Donors' Preferences for Charitable Giving" with Catherine Eckel, Jonathan Meer, and Wei Zhan (NBER Working Paper 25290, Under Review)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Identity, Stereotype Threat, and Black College Student Success: Evidence from a Longitudinal Survey" with William Darity Jr., Catherine Eckel, Lawrence McNeil, Mark Paul, and Rhonda Sharpe

PRESENTATIONS

2019: AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting

2018: Virginia Tech Seminar, University of West Virginia Seminar, Southern Economic Association Conference, UCSD Rady School of Management Seminar, AEA Mentoring Program Job Market Bootcamp, Norms and Behavioral Change Workshop, AEA Mentoring Pipeline Conference, World Economic Science Association Conference, Spring School in Behavioral Economics Poster Conference

2017: Southern Economic Association Conference, Science of Philanthropy Initiative Conference, AEA Pipeline Mentoring Conference, World Economic Science Association Conference, Texas Experimental Association Symposium

2016: North-American Economic Science Association Conference, American

	Society of Hispanic Economists Conference	
	2013: Ohio Undergraduate Research Symposium Poster Conference	
	2012: AEA Pipeline Mentoring Conference	
FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS	AEA Mentoring Program Travel Awards, AEA Pipeline Mentoring	2017 - 2018
	Graduate Diversity Fellowship, Texas A&M University	2014 - 2017
	Equity and Inclusion Fellowship, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management	November 2017
	John Van Huyck Fellowship, Texas A&M University	October 2017
	Teaching Fellowship, AEA Summer Training Program, Michigan State University	July 2017
	M.J. Grove Fellowship, Private Enterprise Research Center, Texas A&M University	Summer 2016
	Outstanding July Teaching Fellow Award (Foundation Level), AEA Summer Training Program, Michigan State University	July 2016
	Teaching Fellowship, AEA Summer Training Program, Michigan State University	July 2016
	Lechner Graduate Grant, Texas A&M University	Fall 2014
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Research Assistant for Catherine Eckel Texas A&M University	2014 - 2018
	Laboratory Assistant Missouri Social Science Experimental Laboratory, Washington University in Saint Louis	2012 - 2013
	Research Assistant for Katie Coffman The Ohio State University	Summer 2013
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	*Instructor, Texas A&M University* Experimental Economics (Undergraduate) [4.92/5]	Summer 2018
	Co-Instructor, AEA Summer Training Program, Michigan State University Foundations of Mathematical Methods for Economic Analysis (Undergraduate) [4.82/5]	July 2017
	Teaching Fellow, AEA Summer Training Program, Michigan State University Foundations of Mathematical Methods for Economic Analysis (Undergraduate) [4.86/5]	July 2016

Teaching Assistant, Texas A&M University

Economic Data Analysis (Undergraduate)	Fall 2018
Experimental Economics (Graduate)	Fall 2016
Research in Experimental Economics (Undergraduate)	Spring 2016
Experimental Economics (Undergraduate)	Fall 2015

WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

Spring School in Behavioral Economics, University of California, San Diego	March 2018
6th Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences (Lindau, Germany)	August 2017
Meta-Analysis Psychology Summer Workshop, Texas A&M University	May 2017
Barcelona BESLab Experimental Economics Summer School in Macroeconomics	July 2016
The International Foundation for Research in Experimental Economics (IFREE) 21st Annual Visiting Graduate Student Workshop in Experimental Economics	January 2016
AEA Summer Training Program, University of New Mexico	Summer 2012

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